WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.   An information processing method comprising:

receiving a data card including printed indicia descriptive of user information and

5   data information;

reading said indicia to use said user and data information to verify access

credentials; and

providing access to data in response to said verification.

10   2.   The method of Claim 1, wherein said data card is made of paper.

3.   The method of Claim 1, wherein said indicia comprises a series of bar

code symbols.

15   4.   The method of Claim 1, wherein said indicia comprises a substance non-

visible in the human visible light spectrum.

5.   The method of Claim 1, wherein said indicia comprises a series of user

customized symbols.

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6.   The method of Claim 1, wherein said data information comprises

identification of the data and the source of the data.

7.   The method of Claim 1, wherein said providing access to data in response

25   to said verification comprises decrypting said data.

8.   The method of Claim 1, wherein said user information comprises

information regarding the identification of the sender or recipient.

30   9.   A system for processing information comprising:

a processor capable of executing the following process:

read indicia from a printed card descriptive of user information and

data information;

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verify access credentials based on said indicia; and

provide access to data in response to said verification.

10. The system of Claim 9, wherein said indicia is printed on a data card made

5   of paper.

11. The system of Claim 9, wherein said indicia comprises a series of bar code

symbols printed on a data card.

10   12. The system of Claim 9, wherein said indicia comprises a substance non-

visible in the human visible light spectrum.

13. The system of Claim 9, wherein said user information comprises

information regarding the identification of the sender or recipient.

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14. The system of Claim 9, wherein said data information comprises

identification of the data and the source of the data.

15. The system of Claim 9, wherein said data comprises a print job.

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16. The system of Claim 9, wherein said providing access to data in response

to said verification comprises decrypting said data.

17. A system for processing information comprising:

25   a computer operably coupled to an external peripheral device to form a network,

said network being operable to:

receive a data card including printed indicia descriptive of user information and

data information;

read said indicia to access said user information and data information for verifying

30   access credentials; and

provide access to data on the basis of said verification.

18. The system of Claim 17, wherein said peripheral device is a printer.

19.   The system of Claim 17, wherein said network is further operable to decrypt said data.

20.   The system of Claim 17, wherein said data card is made of paper.